On 21 December, 2001, in view of Pakistan's obvious lack of concern with regard to the terrorist attack on India's Parliament, Government announced some measures that included the recall of its High Commissioner from Islamabad, and suspension of the services of the Samjhauta Express and the Delhi-Lahore bus service with effect from 1st January 2002. Further measures were announced on 27th December 2001, which included a reduction of the strengths of the respective High Commissions in the two countries by 50%; restriction on the movement of officials of the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi and their family members, to the municipal limits of Delhi; and the suspension of over flight facilities to Pakistan or Pakistan Airlines from 1st January 2002. On 31st December, India also handed over to Pakistan, a list of 20 fugitives from law who have been given safe haven in Pakistan, for them to be apprehended and handed over to India so that they could be brought to justice for their crimes. Government also undertook necessary military measures along the international border an LoC.

President of Pakistan has now committed that cross-border infiltration would be ended on a permanent basis, the territory of Pakistan would not be allowed to be used for terrorism anywhere in the world, and that no organisation in Pakistan will be allowed to indulge in terrorism in the name of Kashmir.

Indo-China relations

†213. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the area of Indian land under Chinese occupation;

(b) whether Government assume that relations with China are improving despite clandestine Chinese military aid to Pakistan; if so, the basis of the same; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government propose to pressurise China to stop military aid being provided to Pakistan continuously as a result of which there is an increase in violence in Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) China continues to be in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 sq kms in the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Argeement of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq kms of Indian territory in Pakistan occupied Kashmir to China.

(b) and (c) Government of India is committed to the development of friendly and good neighbourly relations with China on the basis of the principles of Panchsheel, mutual sensitivity to each others concerns and equality.

Government remains concerned at certain aspects of the China-Pakistan relationship which adversely affect our security. This includes Sino-Pak defence cooperation including in the nuclear weapons and missile development programme. We have made known our concerns to the Chinese side.

Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.

Indo-U.S. military co-operation to de-escalate Indo-Pak tension

214. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as part of a plan to de-escalate tension between India and Pakistan along the LoC, Washington has suggested a proposal for the ambit of Indo-U.S. military co-operation to be expanded to allow U.S. special forces to operate in Jammu and Kashmir;